The Ladies' Board of Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
NEW YORK.

New York, Jan 5 1874

Rev Sheldon Jackson

I send you one of our Annual Reports & hope that you will have a notice of it in your Paper. I perceive that you largely advertise the Alert Periodical of Woman's Work for Woman - whether do not pretend & are not willing to do the least thing for Home Missions - and "Our Mission Field" issued by our Board has never any notice at all - Dr Dickson thought we had not done much for Home Work, but our Report shows the contrary - at all events we have done all we could - It is perhaps unfor

[illegible]port will be
all after meeting
Meanwhile
yours truly
M Graham

fortunate for us that we did not turn our attention exclusively to foreign Missions. If we had done so, we should have had a much larger receipt to show - now, when we have lost so much by our adhesion to the Home Work, they do don't give us any credit for it. Dr Dickson seemed to acquiesce in what I said about uniting all the [illegible] we could get in the Nursing Work & take that all off the Bd. I am trying my best - but I am getting so much to feel that I don't know who is to be trusted. You know well that I have tried to do all I could. I wrote you about it but have had no answer. Perhaps you can't understand my forbearance in that matter about the school - but

Solomon. Kansas Jany 5th 74

Dear Dr – I believe I am blessed (?) with the richest experience of dilatory, procrastinating, inefficient Eldership of any man in Kansas – I die daily on this account – the church is $100.00 behind on /73 but they have set to-night for a settlement, and I shall probably get in my application soon – As I expected, they have raised but $250.00 – I shall ask $500.00 of the Board as in /73 – making $750.00 but I assure you unless this field does better in future or the Board is willing to make up what is lacking of $900.00 I cannot stay longer than /74 – Yet I am buoyed up with the hope that we will fill up this year and have a growth in all respects.

I meant to get a "letter for publication" to you ere this but must plead other cares, and now I am not sure you will want to use this – but if not, please send it back.

I am respectfully Yours – Wm. B. Cary

(over)

I have lately rec'd two boxes of library books for our S.S. about 200 vols, which sets us up — If you find anybody who wants to give a special $20.00 or so to a S.S. let them know of me. —

All well — Boy been very sick but well again — S.B. Fleming of whom I spoke will go to Clyde probably and thus delight Our Son Timothy's heart by making Highland presbytery full, i.e. if somebody dont die or move away soon — C —

~~Trials of Missionary Life in Kansas~~ —

Rochester Jan 5 74

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Yours of 22d ulto recd several days since

The papers you left in my hands in /71 are still with me as also a portion of the new notes - As Mr Cook assumed to arrange this matter, I have done nothing about it - In conversation with him on the subject two or three days ago he said he would collect and remit what he could during the Early part of Jany - he said also that quite a number had wanted to Extend the time until this present winter and that he felt sanguine of collecting a considerable amount during the present month. Our wheat crop is good but owing to panic and various causes, up to 1st Dec but little had been marketed. I will keep track of what Mr Cook does in this matter and write you again, and will cheerfully write you at any time when you wish to learn anything in regard to how matters stand - By the way the letter you wrote in July last addressed to Mr Cook & myself I handed to him and he remarked he would reply to it but I don't know whether he ever did or not. If not I regret I did not at least acknowledge receipt of it

Our Mr Newell, we like exceedingly well - he is a man of great power in the pulpit, a thorough western man out of it. well acquainted at once with every body and popular with all his wife is a very lovely woman but so much of an invalid that she has not been able to be at church but two or three times since coming here last August. She is however very active in Christian work and is the life of the ladies Missionary society. and has also organized a Mission band of children who meet with her at the parsonage once in two weeks – On the whole while our church is rich in grace and spirituality yet we are poor in temporalities and find it keeps us actively engaged to make both ends meet – We hear occasionally from Mr & Mrs Killen who are settled at Mishawaka Ind. very comfortably I hope, for I think both are worthy of it. I became very much attached to them and valued both Mr Killens sermons and friendship

Mrs D joins with me in love to yourself & Mrs Jackson – You will please remember me to Mr Sample am sorry to hear that he has been obliged to give up his Minneapolis ch

Yours Truly J. H. Davis

Henry Love came here Saturday – seems much improved

Jan 8th 1874
Fort Collins Col

Dear Mr Jackson

Enclosed you will find four dollars ($4.00). in payment for two coppies of the weekly Rocky Mountain Presbyterian one is for Mrs Paul-Flick, he address is Fort Collins, now Mr Jackson I am behind on the monthly which you have been so kind as to send & as the hard times still pinch us I am affraid I shall have to be counted among the poor ones, but I did intend to pay it, all I can do at this time is to offer my poor thanks, I will try & get some subscribers for you still I have not much hopes of getting any money is so scarce,

There is quite a religious intrest in our neighbour hood at this time two ministers by the name of Mc Cormic & Ross (united brethren) are holding them & they have some converts, there has been meetings every evening since the new year came in & daily prayer meetings at the different houses I wish it might reach Collins & warm some of the hearts in that place & make them of one mind, I so wish that you could come a mong them, my heart aches so at the state of things I my self like Mr Patterson & I use my influence to have his friends stand by him, but thare are those that will pull down instead of build up, I feel like saying many things but I know you must have many burdens to bear, & I do hope that every church under your watchful care, dont have so much trouble, but the root of it I think is the disapointment some felt in not getting the man from N.Y that you started with. I have forgoten the name, I fear that Mr & Mrs Armstrong are doing much to hinder our caus. Oh prey for us that we may be united & helps to each other.

alow me to wish you & yours a happy new year,

yours truly
Mrs Geo E Buss
Fort-Collins Col

Carson City Nevada Jan 9: 74

To Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

I notice in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian of Jan 7th 1874 in an article entitled "The Empire of the Pacific" a statement, that the Presbytery of California was organized at Benicia Feb 20: 1850 and that I was present as a corresponding member. This is a mistake. I was present as one of the original members. The organized Presbytery consisted - of what is here sometimes called the three W.s - viz. Woodbridge, Williams, Woods.

Being one of the original members of the first Presbytery formed in California and deeming it about the highest honor of my life, excepting that of being the first elected Moderator of the Synod of the Pacific, I do not like to be deprived of it.

Most truly yours

James Woods.

P.S. Did you get the article I wrote you in reference to Missions in Nevada. I directed ~~to~~ it to care of the Secretaries Kendall & Dickson New York as you desired. It was no account, but I thought I would send it. I should like to missionate amid the Rocky Mountains for a time, if Provi- should so direct — J. W.

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Central City Jan 16/74

Dear Dr Jackson

I have been very anxious to see you for some time. My only opportunity to go to Denver for a long interval was last friday & then had only a few hours in the city & failed to find you at home — I was anxious to talk with you about my plans & prospects for building a church at Boulder. We must have a house there now & it must be a good one.

The Episcopalian minister & my

have bought is a block (3 lots each) in which I think, after a residence of more than a year in the place, to be the most desirable [illegible], & we propose to build on it [illegible] comes, I have drafted my building — 38 x 60 in the clear — brick walls 16 inches — buttress between windows — considerable cut stone finish — gothic style — tower with spire 90 ft high — Audience room 30 x 46 — A room — in rear 14 x 30 — two isles — white & black walnut pews & wainscoting inside — heated by furnace — From the figuring on it by [illegible] masons & carpenters its cost when completed about $1500. Every member of my church will really give beyond their means in what I expected of them, & many in the community are in sympathy with the movement & like my plans & will assist – But after all the [illegible] church is so strong in our community that we are not able pressed, but we should not complete the house – now my church will pay my expenses & I propose to go East about the 1st of Feb'y to get assistance – I know the times are hard but we must have a house & I will spare no efforts on my part to succeed

Rev Brown (the Episcopalian min.)
& myself expect to go east together—
The Congregationalists wish me to
occupy their building every sabbath &
that shuts us out in the cold— as I expect
to go away soon— they will allow us to
preach there until I go.
With a building our growth would be
much more rapid— But I need not speak
to you of the innumerable advantages accru
ing from having a house of our own—
Now what do you think of my plans?
It has been a matter of long & earnest
thought & prayer— while the difficu

to be overcome & the discouragements to be met with are many & great, I confidently believe the Lord will bless us & that we will succeed.

Mrs B & I expect to give a short &, as far as lies in our power, instructive & entertaining lecture on Col. & its mission work. We expect to visit the medium size towns & cities.

I would be glad to have any suggestions from you in regard to my lecture & the whole method of procedure — the line of travel (as that is not fully decided upon) &c.

Will you give me letters of introduction to persons of your acquaintance, either ministers or laymen, through the middle & western states?

I am here at present by invitation of Bro. Gage & assisting him in a protracted meeting - think the indications are here for a good work. May God's blessing upon the efforts here put forth. There is a deep & growing interest among the membership & the audiences are increasing in size - I go home tomorrow. Render me such assistance as you can by counsel & prayer & you will receive the grateful thanks of myself & the little flock over which the Master has placed me - Yours fraternally
J. E. [illegible]

Ans Jan 31st

Binghamton N.Y.
Jan'y - 17 - 1874

Dear Brother Jackson -

I have $400 - to send you soon as I can bring things round right. I received your letter enclosing the letters from the pastor at Fairplay also the circular from the X Central city church. I have taken some time to think the matter over and have X pretty well decided on the following plan.

1st Give $50 toward the amount you are holden for the church at Rochester X Minn

2nd Loan $200 - to the church at Central city on their giving the board of Church X Erection good security payable in 5 or 7 years or as they think best.

3rd $150 to the church at Fairplay on the same terms.

I do this for these reasons - It often happens that a church at the end of 5 or 7 years can well return the money given them to help other struggling churches - but they get luke warm and do not freely give after having freely received. I do this the more to help the churches that need. Do not you think this is best. by so doing I can help the churches till they have better times & then the money will go to help others. - Please see the people interested in those two churches and let me know. I think it will be best for me to let the board of church Erection have the money for the two specified churches. and they can remit it to you at once & take the securities. Do not you think this would be the best way?

Let me hear from you ~~at once~~ as soon as you are prepared to answer. -

Hoping to hear from you soon I am your brother. ~~L~~

G. M. T. Johnson

P. S. Rev R. H. Wilson Cor Secty Ch Erection - recommends me to let the church at Glasgow Mo have ~~the~~ the money. That church has lately come to us from the Declaration & T. Brooks are are much ~~so~~ embarrassed. & fear they will have to give up the ch property. but my opinion is to battle. I hope to help smaller obligations.

Let me hear from you soon -

Yours

G. M. T. J.

I did not mention to Mr W. what churches I had in view - He ~~suggested~~ suggested if I had none in view that I give to the one he mentioned.

OFFICE OF
County Clerk and Recorder,
LARIMER COUNTY.

Fort Collins, Col., Janry 20 1874

Rev S Jackson

Respected Friend

This day the Trustees of the Presterian Church was duly organised - under the Statute of Colorado - Therefore we are all harmoniously and are ready to go to work with a will

Can you send us or give us a forme Of By laws that we halft work in accordance with the Church Rules and Regulations that we may not go astray in our deliberations. Pleas send us on receipt that we may form our laws - as we halft to report one week from to day 27th,

In our Election to day W. C. Stover was Elected President
A. K. Yount Treasure

[illegible]

Nathaniel Ellis Esq
Jan 13. Mailed Mr
Milam M. Moore
Asa M. Taylor Esq
Bynum

and W S Vesselius Secretary
for a Term of one Year—
from date— hoping that you
will endeavour to assist us in
all your might to do— Being
now harmonious all that can
be expected thinking enough
for one day and for time to
Come— I now it looks
as though we would build
the church as contemplated
out of harmony comes good

Fraternally Yours
W. S. Vesselius Secretary
of Board Trustees—

Read and accepted Oct 5 —

Waukesha Wis Jan 27th

Dear Bro Jackson:

I am here on a visit to my mother & shall return to Jackson next week — I have a C.D. for $108.00 to send to you wherever & whenever you may direct. I am sorry that I have not sent this before — & would send it for Sitka, but do not know positively where to send.

I had a letter from Br. Wilson last night. He says of Dr Musgraves last "Fraternal appeal" "I would like to ask

"him to bring forth a little
"of that wonderful ability
"that he used a year
"ago with such signal
"success — just a little"

The reverend D. D. has the Evangelist as well as the Presbyterian under his thumb. it seems from the fact that the Evangelist has declined to publish an article of Wilson's in defence of Synod of St Paul. What a thumb he must have!

My sister is confined to her room but sits up a little. She will not likely be any better but continue in this weak suffering condition as long as she lives.—

I have had an informal call from two churches (near home (Wakefield & Ottawa)) but I am flatly declined to consider it — I will go back to Jackson hoping to see our church nearly finished.—

In haste

Yrs fraternally,

Ed Savage

Cañon City. Colorado Territory,

Jan. 27. 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I called the ruling elder to my house for a consultation, shortly after you left, and frankly and plainly said to him that, if the church would settle with me and pay up, according to its pledges, all it is owing me, I was perfectly willing to resign the Cañon City charge; and that he might understand me as resigning said charge prospectively, or with the agreement that the resignation ~~shall~~ should take effect as soon as the church shall have paid me up fully. They are making arrangements to raise the money. But there is a great reaction taking place. Last Sabbath was my regular day, and I had done nothing whatever to bring people out, further than to publish the usual notice. And yet the house was filled with as attentive a congregation as I ever preached to in my life. There were as many as 50 present in the morning, and as many as 75 or 80 in the evening, although three other churches were at the same time having services. Men come to me almost every day, on the street, telling me that every dollar of the 300 pledged for [illegible] to could be secured on a very short time, and saying to me that they are ready to help raise it. But I have pretty determined to resign according to the understanding expressed and have written to this effect to the Board at New York. I have asked them to allow me to resign the Canon City charge, and retain the other two charges — Sabran and Wet Mt. Valley. I hope if they write to you about the matter, you will advise them to do this, ~~[illegible]~~ it being agreed to by me that the entire ground ~~[illegible]~~ and the entire appropriation must be given up, as soon as the Canon City charge will get another minister. These two departments, especially the latter, are important; ~~[illegible]~~ many people of high intelligence & refinement, some of them scions of noble families, have homes in Wet Mt. Valley. The new ~~two~~ mining town, called Rosita, belongs to this Valley; and they have no regular preaching except what a Methodist man and myself may give.

Bro. Jackson, my wife wishes me to ask concerning the box of clothing. We will need it, this winter, very much. My dear brother, I am (and so is my wife) glad you came here. It was a great comfort to think that you understand exactly how to estimate [illegible] house. We shall [illegible] Yours truly, J. L. Bell.

P.S. Please do not publish anything about the resignation when it has taken effect. — B.

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver

Dr Sir

Our young place has commenced its march of progress in good earnest. We have organized a Ditch Company, to furnish water to to the town and surrounding country— We have succeeded in getting the proprietor of the land on which the village is located to consent to the following plan viz— Every other lot to be sold at a nominal price (ten to twenty five dollars) to those who will build on them— all the proceeds of lots so sold to go into a fund for town improvement— Advertising &c &c. And now the feeling is becoming universal that we must have a church

Services are practically discontinued at the M.E. Ch at Bersville,

At our occasional services here the School house is insufficient to accommodate the people

A growing interest in the success of the young town would induce many to help in the matter who "care for none of these things."

The feeling is that we should ascertain what church will give us the most outside assistance and all turn in and help that ch erect an edifice. The question seems now to turn on the Presbyterians, or the Baptists. with the former ahead. A meeting was talked of for last night to determine upon the matter: but I persuaded a postponement of the matter for a week or two till I could write you, that we might announce definitely what the Pres. ch would do for us, both in the matter of assistance in putting up an edifice and in furnishing us a good minister. We can raise not less than $2000 to commence building in February — I think — but want to put up a good substantial edifice. We will try to hold off the meeting till we can hear from you — please answer as soon as this reaches you — every moment is precious

Yours truly

A. Y. Beachly

Mission [H]ouse
23 Centre St. N.Y.
Feby 4. 1874.

Dear Dr Jackson.

You may have learned that I have been over about the same route as travelled a year ago visiting the Central Cities of the West and then came to meet Sessions & see the brethren and for popular meetings. I went away just too soon to receive your note of the 27 Dec. asking me to write an article about Nevada & when I came

name it was too late -
Let me now suggest that
you write to Rev. A. F. White
of California (See Minutes
for address) & get him
to give you a letter on
that subject - He was the
Pioneer in that State,
& is a graphic writer -
Or, if you wish me still
to give an abstract of
the whole work there
for some coming No. I
will do so for I have the
whole matter better in
hand than he - But
as to the beginning he knows
all. Tell me what you
wish - Yours truly
H. Kimball

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St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5th 1874

Dear Bro. [illegible].

It seems impossible for me to get much special matter prepared for the "[illegible]" [illegible] containing [illegible] [illegible] engagements call me away from home so much just at this time. Is your paper still printed in Cincinnati? Perhaps I might get something ready by the first of March and send it to your printers.

Since the Synodical Committee [illegible] to Consolidate "The Church" with "The Interior" I have thought of having an edition of your paper [illegible] for the Synod of Mo. We need some cheap paper which would reach every family. How can the thing be managed? I should like it to be a local paper as much as possible — bearing a local name.

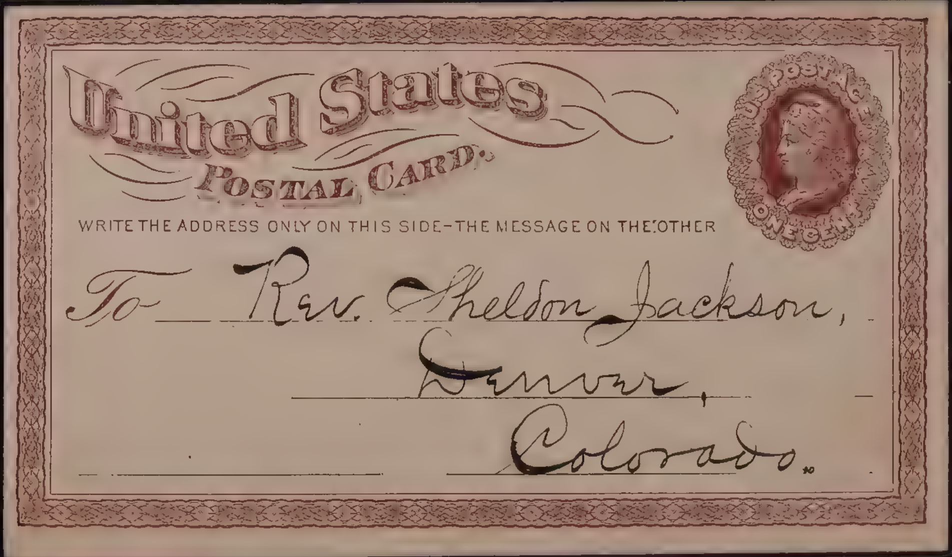
so that our people would
that it was identified [illegible]
interests - We cannot [illegible]
"The Interior" [illegible]
Presbyterian. The Herald
has made a proposition to me to
publish such a paper, but I have
mislaid the letter containing
the terms [illegible]
experience in the matter, it might
be advantageous to me to know how
the matter, etc. and to receive
such advice as you may be
able to give -

Very truly yours
J. Allen

Cañon City, C. T.
Feb. 4, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I will make it a point to visit Wet Mt. Vall. regularly during the winter, and Saguache sometimes, the weather will be such as to prevent i.e. there will be such weather as to render the trip un-safe. But during the warmer months, I expect to have my residence in the Valley, and then, of course there will be nothing in the way. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] called here, and took dinner with us. She is a fine worker, and I have many times wished she were here. Rosita, as well as [illegible], is a good appointment, and will appreciate labor enough, I think, to pay something for them. At Saguache, the people have been raising money for a new school house; and as soon as it is completed, all will be clear in that direction for worship and labor. I don't know whether the [illegible] here will [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], which the [illegible] [illegible]. There is no backing of their operations by the people; but, on the contrary, there is a very decided opposition and [illegible] aversion to their schemes. I do not know when they will settle with me. They seem almost to have relaxed entirely in their zealous undertaking to get me off, and not to know what to do. The simple fact is, the people of the town are against them. But I am not at all in their way, in any manner. I am desirous to quit working for them, and have told the Board in N.Y. so. It will, however, be pleasant for me to continue to work at the County depots, and I trust the Board will let me do it. I can do a great deal of good, on that arrangement and can have nice treatment. My friend, B. F. Harris, of the Pres Ch. of Newton, Ill. (to whom I have related recent occurrences) says he is going to write to you his grateful feelings for your kind, wise, & noble course of action toward me. [illegible] wishes me to say [illegible] [illegible] embrace you with [illegible] and desires to be remembered affectionately [illegible] [illegible]. Yours [illegible], John G. Bell



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To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver,
Colorado.

O K

Fairplay. Colo.
Feb. 6 1874

Dear Bro. Jackson, Your papers rec'd & distributed. Will take up collection some time in future.

I want to know if you are succeeding in getting any funds for us? We want to make an effort toward building ch. soon. Had pleasant ch. sociable last Wed. ev.

Our box is on the way from Colo. Springs.

Yours Fraternally
D.E. Finks

Binghamton N.Y.
Feby 7th 1874

Rev Sheldon Jackson -

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Jan 31st was received by me on the morning of the 5th. quick time. In reply. I agree with your plan as to the manner of loaning the money. Enclosed I send you a draft of $400.00 which please apply as follows.

1st - $50.00 toward your indebtedness on the Rochester, Minn. Church -

2nd - Loan $150.00 to the Presbyterian church at Fairplay Col on bond and mortgage payable to the board of Church Erection of the Presbyterian Church -

3rd Loan $200.00 to the Presbyterian Church at Central City Col on the same plan.

$300.00 of this is from my deceased wife -

Rev J. D. Bell
Cañon

Elder Brewster
on
Rev J. D. Bell

Cañon City Feby 23d 1874

Dear Brother Jackson

Enclosed I send you Jas. Clellands check on Colo Natl. Bank Denver in yr favr for $15. to refund amt expended by you on your trip here a few weeks since -

On 21st inst I paid Mr Bell $100. in full for his services to date and I suppose he will at once send to me his resignation as officiating Pastor of 1st Presbn Church of Cañon City, which he has promised me he would do, and which will be in accordance with the wishes of every member of the Church (except two, whose signatures are not obtained, being absent from town) as expressed in their letter to him under date of Jany 20th 1874 - I suppose the Home Missn Board are advised of the Condition of things here, and will see that their funds are no longer used for Mr Bells support on this field - Their money has been shamefully wasted here since Mr Bells reappointment last fall -

In regard to a supply of our pulpit for the future, I hardly know just what to say - Of Course we want preaching as often as we can get it - We have thought of inviting Mr Vandervin to preach for us, and if his services should prove acceptable to the people, would it be well to ask him to supply us for

a while? Have you any
plans in regard to us?
or any suggestions to make?
My own services, I am advised
by the C C I Co. will again
be required at South Pueblo
on 1st March, and I presume
I shall be there much of the
time the coming spring and
summer

I think the material
prospects of Canon City are
brightening, and I am decidedly in favor of providing ourselves with a place of worship
of our own before another
winter, even though it be but
a cheap and temporary building — Please let me hear
from you at your earliest convenience

Your Bro in Christ
J. K. Brewster pr

N. B.

Mr Bell has preached in Canon City but four times since October 1st 1873. and I believe once each at Labran and Ula - at the latter place when there on business connected with his duties as County Supt. of Schools. He wished us to pay him an additional $25 - which we declined doing - He may ask from the board more also than he is justly entitled to receive, in which case I trust he will only be paid for actual labor performed, as above stated, and not for time which has elapsed since Oct 1st. He has not rendered any Pastoral services except to preach - has not tried to do so. nor could he have done so had he tried

B

Longmont, Colorado
March 1st 1874

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Your letters both rec'd. Very busy. Still preaching; visiting & sewing. Go to Caribou in the morning. Lord's supper there next Sab. Have acknowledged, you see, the rect. of the check.

Campbell does not come over & help. Am sorrow. Will be alone. Hope the Lord will come. I'm a cipher; the Lord is ten & that makes a hundred.

Will endeavor to go to Sunshine before Presbytery & report.

We have nearly $1.000 subscribed. Prospect better & better. Buckingham & wife have united & each put down $75. Good for them. Daily prayermeeting still held. Improving.

God abundantly bless you & all yours & help you in building up our beloved Zion

Fraternally &c
H. P. Tillsworth

March 4th 1874
Ft Collins Larimer Co Col.

Dear Bro Jackson

I enclose to your address the application of the Ft Collins Church to the Board of Home missions for aid. I do this because I do not know who the committee are, there have been so many changes in Denver of which I could not keep the run.

Will you please have it attended to at once as it is already too late.

With reference to the state of our finances I had some correspondence ~~with~~ with our ~~sec~~ secretaries, and the ~~app~~ state of the case is stated to them.

I hope to be able to give you a fuller account of matters at the approaching meeting of Presby.

I have made some progress in getting subscriptions for the R. M. Presbyterian at 50 cents,

Very truly yours
Joseph Patterson

Laramie Wyoming Ter.
March 5. 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson.

I have copied those papers on file and sent them to Cooper

I shall be so glad when we get rid of him and yet I believe he will make trouble wherever he goes. At Evanston he had a good opportunity to build up his character but I do not think it is in him. So we must be careful about giving him clean papers when he leaves us. I think I never saw a man so little humbled by his own folly

Enclosed please find a letter from Dr Dickson and when you write

please return the
same. With our expenses
I do not see how we can
possibly get along on $1300,
I think we shall leave
and go East when there
is an opening.
On the account of the
education of my children
I would like to go to some
place in Pa. Do you
know of any openings? I
am willing to labor in
a small church but
do not wish to go to a
church without an
edifice. I have built
three churches, and do
not wish to undertake
another. In Rome Ohio
I labored ten years, and
then went to Marengo

Iowa. where I became Home Missionary, and from there here, If you should know of any vacant church within a few miles of a good Academy please put them in correspondence with me. Perhaps I may go East in May or June, that will depend on my getting a pass over the U.P.R.R. Bettie has been very low with the Scarlet fever, but is now a little improved. In haste Yours in Xt.

Z. S. Arnold

West Chester March 9. 1874

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Esteemed friend & brother

Three weeks ago I sent a letter
to you containing five dollars.
to pay for Rocky Mountain Pres in
for some friends. The next day
I added another dollar by another
letter, as I wished the weekly for
Mr Jones. As I have heard nothing
from you or the parties themselves
I have feared the money may

have been appropriated by some one for whom it was not intended. The sum was so small I did not think it necessary to get a check. I still hope you may have been absent from home encouraging the hearts of others engaged in the Mission work.

I am not as well as common to day, but my mind has been dwelling very pleasantly on a small idea I met with in a memoir I have been reading. It was so much to me that I will give it to you in the words, as I read them - "The

difficulty had been that while
trusting Christ fully and entirely
and alone to deliver her from the
guilt of sin, she did not trust
him fully, entirely, and alone
to deliver from the power of sin.
She knew she had no strength
of her own and it was her con-
=stant prayer that Christ would
give her strength, whereas she
was to have no strength at all,
but like a child folded to his father's
bosom begs his father to drive away
his foe, so she was to hang helpless
on to Christ, and ask him to
fight the foe in her heart, trusting

Him practically to be our strength",

I thank you more than I can express for the interest I have had in your prayers. I long to have my will entirely lost in the will of God. Sometimes I think it is, and again self makes its appearance. It is very restful to think of the time when we shall be free from sin.

I am too feeble to write to day but wished to know if the money had reached you.

Faithfully your friend,
P A Lewis

West Chester. March 12 1874

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Friend

Mrs. B. F. Jones has just been in, and I have had a conversation with her on the subject of the paper I proposed to have you send to Mrs Jones. She tells me the paper for which she sent subscription was for the use of the Ladies Missionary Society and not for themselves. She desires you to send it to Mrs William McCulloch. (I am not sure if I have spelled the name right, or whether the last syllable should end in lough.) It is pronounced the latter way, you will probably know. I never spelled the name before. You will see that by this arrangement they will be left out of the paper entirely. As I wish the

Weekly, and also with Mrs. McConkey ~~also~~ to have it I will send two dollars for ~~Mrs~~ Jones paper as soon as I hear from you. When I spoke of aiding, to a small extent, any missionary who was needing aid especially, I did not mean as you seem to have understood me. I meant if the Winter had brought sickness, or distress in any form to any, I should be able to send a small sum. If you think the sum I spoke of to aid the Sunday schools to support a home missionary would do more good in aiding to build the chapels of which you speak, and will let me know, I will send it you at once. When I send the money for Mr Jones paper I will Ⓓ ✓ also send, twenty three dollars to aid in the "missionary paper." I don't think you could do good in a better way. I may be able to send a little more during the year. I cannot tell you how gladly I would make it thousands. With sincere thanks for your prayers to God in my behalf

I am very truly your friend P. A. Lewis

Please let me hear from you soon.

Trinidad, Colorado.
Mar. 12th 1874

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Yours of 5th inst. recd. I was very sorry to hear that you could not visit us this spring. It is simply impossible for me to hold Presbytery this spring. I have not a dollar, and almost every cent of my last quarter's salary will have to go as soon as I get it, to pay on my house, and for other expenses already incurred. If any action is necessary at Presbytery I will [illegible] my [illegible] friend the Board for [illegible], I wish you would be so kind as to attend to it. I am now seriously canvassing the matter of a church building, and will need to give up all idea of an organ and such conveniences indefinitely. A building of some kind we must have, and none suitable is open at present. The schoolroom which we use has a lecture room attached by folding doors; we have them thrown open, and I stand in the doorway; but our attendance crowds both rooms every Sunday evening. There are three other protestant services, but I do not think their aggregate attendance would be more than one half of one of our evening congregations. But still we are, very weak financially. Capt. Stark has as much work to do as he needs in a very good man ought to have, although he is liberal to a fault. The

Philipps, the outsider, is a Campbell-ite, and has not much means. Mr. Covert is on the [illegible] and is not very able, but I am not sufficiently informed as to his circumstances. Most of those individuals who are able to help us, were also [illegible] by the M. E. Ch., that nothing any of us, attending services on any other Sunday evening, or so conducting themselves as is not a way to identify them with us. Several have said plainly that this was their object; and although they liked our services, would not attend them regularly. Still, we have occupied from the first, and [illegible], [illegible] its the only place and the [illegible] for Presbyterians; and we propose to go forward as fast as the Lord opens the way; and our progress with you has been much in advance of the most sanguine anticipations of any of us.

Before we reach the [illegible] and [illegible], we are trying to get a good [illegible] of business, and such will cost money, [illegible] and we may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we wish. Our work is constantly improving, and [illegible] we may [illegible] that whatever work is done now, is [illegible] important and permanent. We will not object to second hand [illegible], or anything else that will aid us in the [illegible]. A blank for annual report is sent me, which [illegible] so far as necessary. [illegible] hand to proper person. Mrs. R. joins in kindest regards. Yours [illegible] R. E. F. Robb.

Apr 12th

Alta City, Utah
Nov. 23. 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver, Col.

Dear Friend & Brother;

Paper packages Nos. 16. 17. & 18, have been received. Our Reading Room is pretty well stocked with reading matter, and is good enough for anybody. And although well thought of by the community it is not, I am sorry to say, as well patronized by the citizens & miners as it deserves to be.

We have been making very slow progress during the winter. But I look for better times when Spring shall open again. The first of May will close up my first year here, and I entertain the hope that it will see us entirely out of debt, and ready for a new departure.

Our hearts were gladdened last Sabbath by the sound of a Church Organ. The Instrument - a fine, large Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organ - was procured and placed in the Church through the enterprise & generosity of our Citizens. It cost us 200$, and its payment has been fully provided for.

We held a Praise Meeting Sabbath evening which proved to be a very pleasant & profitable occasion. We love to sing the songs of Zion - even in a strange land. Our present want is a good set of Hymn & Tune books, but they will come I trust by & by.

I hope you will find it convenient to come up here about the first Sabbath in May. I should like to make it a sort of anniversary" occasion, Besides we will be ready by that time to effect a better organization than what we have at present. There will be several to unite with the church; possibly two or three on profession of their faith. We shall also want to celebrate the Lord's Supper, as it has never yet been administered in this place.

If you can arrange so as to be here the first Sabbath in May, I promise you it will, under the blessing of God, be an occasion such as shall gladden our hearts and encourage us in the Lord.

We have had some severe storms, although the weather is fine now, and an early spring is anticipated.

New families are beginning to come in, and there is plenty of work ahead.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

I am Your friend & Brother

J. P. Schell

Cañon City, C. T., Mar. 14. 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your kind letter was duly rec'd. I have just returned from Wet Mt. Valley, where I encountered some very severe winter weather, and had to break a deal of snow-covered road. I traveled 112 miles, and preached at Hayes Creek Sawmill, at Ula, and at Colfax. At the latter locality, resides Mrs Wm F. Gowdy. The services were held in her house, close up to the Snowy Range, in the midst of some trees — a very beautiful spot in the Summer. Her neighbors, the Fowler family (Presbyterians,) were present. I left them some copies of the [illegible] dist. Mrs. Gowdy gave me a letter to take to you, containing one dollar for the Rocky Mt. Presbyterian. I accidentally left the letter with two or three others, at the Ula P. Office, while arranging some mail matter.

[illegible] I saw Mr. McMaster, Mr. Joseph A. Davis, yesterday, and he said that he supposed it was a letter meant to send to you; so he sent it on. If the dollar was not found in it, let me know, and I will make it good. The letter was not sealed when I had it.

The particular object I had in ~~[illegible]~~ view in writing, was to say that I and my wife will start for Denver on Monday next; and, if you will take the trouble to have the pastor of the 17th St. Church put a postal card for me in the Post Office at Denver, telling me where to stop with my wife and where I can keep my pony, I will be greatly obliged. We don't know but we may encounter some snow and winter storms on the Divide; but we shall try the trip, nevertheless.

Yours in haste, John D Be

But I doubt if I shall accept the proposition of the citizens who have placed [illegible] in [illegible] hands, [illegible]

Salt Lake City
March 17th 74

Dear Bro. Jackson -

Your note came to hand to day. I have been thinking of writing to you for several days past, but have not found it convenient - I have been under the weather for a few days, but feel better now. Did you see Barber, when at Allegheny, and if so did he say he would come out here? Pierce I guess has heard that we are thinking of taking hold in Bingham and has been promising them great things - to have a house of worship within the next two months. The Stage stopped shortly after we were over, so I haven't been able to get them, to preach in the Eve. If Dunbar will come we will slip him in then and say nothing about it in advance. We have ten or a dozen members and the Methodists have but one or two – Did you see Hall while in N.Y. and what did he say?

Mr. Davenport one of our members here, was accidentally killed the other day while out gunning – We had quite an interesting meeting at our last Com. three united on profession, all heads of families, two of whom had never been baptized, besides two others by letter. I think it is well that Brown goes to Phila – We are enjoying the biggest snow storm of the season, to day over two feet since last night – Kind regards to Mrs. J —

Yours Bro L. Welch,

Greeley, Col. March 19: 74

Dear Bro. Jackson.

A very severe attack of inflamation of throat and lungs, which has confined me to the house for nearly two weeks, will prevent me from being in attendance at Presbytery. Yesterday I made all my arrangements to leave in the Freight Train this noon, but find my self so unwell that I deem it prudent to forego the pleasure.

Indeed my health has been failing for some two months past, and I have not been able to meet the labor of the Congregation without injury to myself. I have come to the conclusion I need a rest, in order to recuperate. This field is a very hard one, from the fact, that the Presbyterian element is so small, and not worth much at that. I have therefore come to the conclusion to resign my charge of the Congregation, on the first of June when my commission from the Board expires. I purpose to give notice of my intention to the Cong.^n on sabbath week. I do it thus early that the church may take the necessary measures to obtain a Supply, when my time shall be up. It would, in my judgement, be injurious to our interests to be vacant for a sabbath.

If you know of any suitable Bro, for this field, please let me know. He can have the privilege of preaching at any time in this pulpit: and it would perhaps be better he should; the people would be better pleased.

Dr. Harsha of Jacksonville Ill, last spring, wanted to come to Colorado; perhaps he might now, on account of his wife's health.

Please let me hear from you, at your earliest convenience on this subject. I am anxious the work begun here should not fail.

Kind regards to Mrs J., and believe me yours in Ct

R. G Thompson

Bellefonte Pa

This Ch is a branch off ours
It has no pastor, but I recd
into it 48 members two
weeks ago, after 4 weeks of
such work as I could give
while keeping up services in
our own Ch on Sab & Wed evg.
God has greatly blessed us
this year, I have recd 80
into the Ch since 1st of Jan
& there are between 30 + 40
names on my list who are
expecting to join at our
next Communion, or have said
that they are seeking to live a
Christian life -
I enclose you a notice of
the workings of our B S last

Bellefonte Pa
March 23/74

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When are you coming Eastward? A friend of mine Miss Palmer who is a splendid Christian teacher. Talks of going to Col to try the climate for health. If she go I will give her a letter to you. You will find her a noble & cultivated woman—

Remember me to you[illegible]

Fraternally

Yrs aff—
Jo. J. [illegible]

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UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Collegiate Department.

Wooster, O., Mch 23 1874

Dear Bro Jackson,

Your favor is just received & I hasten to respond thanking you for your old interest in your College mate or Seminary mate rather - I would be indeed very much obliged if you would insert a short article in our behalf & I have obtained from one of our students under my direction, such a notice, which embodies the main facts & which you may of course cut down to suit your Editorial necessities. These worthy Home Missionaries of whom you speak, & others like them, are indeed worthy of all honor & I have ever honored them in my own heart & would be glad to give them all public recognition. It is true as you say that many of them are grown wise by experience. Our Board are very wary of this matter, being yet in our youth & I being fresh in my seat cannot do as much as I would like - but I will see what can be done.

With kindest regards as ever

Yours Sincerely

A. A. E. Taylor

West Chester March 22 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear brother

I think you hardly understood my last letter. I asked, or intended to ask, you if you thought I could do more good to the cause of Christ by giving the one hundred I had offered you (in case you could find two Sabbath Schools willing to undertake the support of a missionary, each, with the help of fifty dollars) by giving the money to the church building, in either of the places you name. You did not seem to understand my question, and now, my dear brother in Christ, I have concluded to send the one hundred to you to do with as your judgment dictates. On the ground, as you are, you are much better judge of the best mode

than now I seem to be failing more rapidly than at any time before. If the weather becomes settled and I can ride out I may be better, but I do not expect it. My whole frame seems to be breaking down under disease. Still let me hear from you, may we [illegible] that Christ will come with the dread messenger when he comes to open the gates to a better country."

Ever, sincerely yours Jos P. Agnew.

When you acknowledge this please direct to my sister

Mrs C P Darlington
Care Wm Darlington Esq
West Chester Pa —

I may not be here —

of doing good. What I long for is the building up of Christs kingdom upon Earth. And situated as you are you will find an opening for my mite. I am not quite sure I have always been judicious in disposing of the little I had. If I could now divide the sums given to the ministerial aid fund, and perhaps to the Las Vegas Church it might be doing more good in some of the churches of which you speak. Others perhaps would have supplied those deficiencies who may not feel the interest in the little places of which you speak. The sums however were not very large, and I hope Gods blessing went with the mite. I never regret these things as the promptings are almost always seeming to be from my father. There seems to be more emigration to the towns of which you speak, more inducement there, was the only reason why I wished particularly to aid the last named churches. Missionaries will, I have no

doubt, be found among those now on
the ground who will gladly carry the
Gospel to other parts of our country.
I will enclose a draft which you will use
as your judgement dictates, either for the
support of Missionaries now in the field, or
towards building a church. What is over
one hundred please use for your paper or
further your private missionary work.
God will (I am very sure) send the means
to lift this burden from your shoulders.
It should not rest there. God will answer
prayer. He has so often done it we cannot
doubt. He has answered the prayers which
have gone up for me, in delivering me from
the fear of death. Almost all the time I can
say in perfect truth that, as you said, "At
evening time there shall be light". Sometimes
a fear enters, and the question "Am I a christian"
comes forcibly to my mind. I have never
felt as so many around me have. I cannot
point to any time when I was converted. If
I should attempt it I should place it at about

my Eighth or ninth year. I have thought a great deal on this subject, and can only say. I love the cause of Christ more than all the world besides, and that I long to have my will lost in Gods will in Every thing and that now most of the time peace flows like a river over my soul. and "I know that my Redeemer liveth." I never at any time felt so forcibly how much of a sinner I was, as at this time, and it is so precious to feel my righteous is in Heaven, and when he shall appear we shall see him as he is.

I wish I could send small sums without getting a check. I might perhaps spare a little once in a while for the paper. I think I told you the family's here are all Methodists and are not in sympathy with me in these things, and I cannot go out, and it makes it difficult for me to do anything outside, since my precious friend Mrs Dickson left here. She has been so homesick since she left that we feared for her life. She could not trust herself to come up, felt unusually weak. She has made me one visit and is getting into work more and is happier. The Doctor bought a very Expensive place, which crippled her very much, as it called for money also to furnish and the "Panic" coming on it hindered her charities and was a sore trial. Excuse me for Encroaching so much on your time. I cannot tell you how much. I value the prayers of christians or how much I need

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Very sincerely
yours &c [illegible]

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Mrs. C. P. Darlington
Care Wm. Darlington Esq
West Chester Pa —
I may not be here

Willowbrook March 24th 1874.

Rev. Mr Jackson,

Dear Friend,

I have been hoping for some time to hear from you and to learn something of your travels during the past winter - I have just rec'd the No of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for this week - My little daughter says "that last week's paper did not come - and she hopes she can get that number" -

I send you a report of the Military Post Library Association in which is inserted a copy of a circular letter issued by our Society at Albany - You will see that we have commenced in earnest our work at the Military Posts - The letter of our Secretary is lithographed and we intend to send it in a quiet way to ladies at our Military Posts on the frontier - This work will come in with your Missionary work. and I trust we may join hands across the Rocky mountains - in the good work of "labouring in the gospel" - Both my husband and I feel a deep interest in your dear

Christian brother - and you can always
count upon us and upon our children
as your friends - I do hope ~~you hope~~
you will come to our home when you
may come this way. - I see your paper
of this week is filled with accounts
of Texas - Our second son an officer
in the 4th U. S. Cavalry - has just
returned to Texas to join his Regiment.
He is stationed at Fort Clark where
he expects his wife with their child
to join him in May - They will prob-
-ably remain some time at Fort
Clark. I feel deeply interested in all
that is said in your paper about the
Evangelization of Texas -

My daughters find a great Mission
field at Fort Union New Mexico.
They are trying to do there what I
hope other Christian ladies will try
to do at other Military Posts - have
a Bible Class for the soldiers -
One soldier has written several most
interesting letters giving account of his
coming "out of darkness into light"

I do hope my daughters will see you before they return home - I gave your kind invitation to my daughter Cornelia to stop at your house when she was at Denver - but she was so fatigued when she arrived there from St Louis that she felt diffident about going to a private house - and passed the night at a hotel. Dr Alexander came to Pueblo with an Ambulance to meet her - I should like to tell you about the Communion season held at Las Animas - perhaps Chaplain Robbins will tell you about them -

Will you please write me what you know about the Mission at Taos - do you think the Ladies Board of Missions can do good by helping Mr Brown to live at Taos - and keep up his school? he has - a full school of Mexicans and has an excellent Christian lady as assistant - Would you advise your [illegible] bring [illegible] up the Mission [illegible] Taos [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ? Dr Dickson says that the

Mrs Alexander & her family and her sister intend coming here in May - promising something to spend the summer -

Home Board will not recommend Mr Roberts. Do you think he can do good with no school - After some of the churches are interested in that Mission and are supporting Miss Frost the Assistant - it gives such an aspect of instability to the Mission in New Mexico to withdraw support from the Missionaries - The Evangelization of New-Mexico is a very slow work - a land deprived of Evangelical religion for three centuries cannot be expected to respond at once to the gospel - a preparatory work is necessary - and we must give time for the ground to be prepared - in spiritual things as in nature - between the ploughing and the sowing - and the reaping - there is a hanging time - which both Missionaries and those who send them - experience -

Hoping soon to hear from you - & with kind regards to Mrs Jackson -

Believe me very truly yours in

Caroline [illegible]

Please let me know what your Board [illegible] - [illegible]

[illegible] 1874

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] not mean to object to the committee
[illegible] he wonders what they can do.
[illegible] do much - no harm in trying.
[illegible]
[illegible] not want him to take [illegible]
[illegible] if he would never [illegible]
[illegible] had not been for the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of Gaga that I did not like the man.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ~~there~~ notice was given out [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
might be [illegible] for him. Robert said if
[illegible] I would not go, why?
[illegible]

Sample evidently took the ground that I was a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I was looking to Mrs [illegible]
[illegible] get through. [illegible]
[illegible] that very complimentary to you, [illegible]
[illegible]
you [illegible] I [illegible] there by [illegible]
is one of those that like to crush [illegible]
convince. Under all the circumstances [illegible]
injury to me to be in Denver, [illegible]
[illegible]
want of sleep, then the nervous [illegible]
in by disagreeable people like [illegible]. He was the
hatefulest creature I ever met with, He [illegible]
a Pope, flinging out his flings, at [illegible]
perfectly under his finger, [illegible]
remark, that when the people [illegible] embrace
error, or departed from the truth, it was [illegible]
matter of history, that [illegible] had [illegible]
Spiritual Guides, had led them astray. [illegible]
[illegible] not going to be guided by them [illegible]
[illegible] almost tired for" [illegible]
[illegible]
I could not open my mouth [illegible]
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[illegible] striking than Classic. It [illegible]
comment under the ~~cir~~circumstances, [illegible]
[illegible] house over 50, to have a remark made [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

influence, & felt necessary to fly up for [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] thought it up, when he returned from [illegible].
[illegible] dared yet it— read so! How did you know?
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the Independent, [illegible]
before I knew you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] first time I ever came in contact with any-
thing of the kind was in your house. When I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
should be respectfully treated.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of Durango, I presume something [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

as for example to treat me like a green [illegible]

[illegible]. Henderson had an interview with R. [illegible]

Monday, & is trying to make R believe you said

[illegible]

prejudices I never do anything to encourage the

[illegible]

[illegible]: R told him he did not [illegible]

I would not have mentioned these remarks except

[illegible] have kept the feeling [illegible]. I [illegible]

[illegible]

Greeley Colorado
March 30th 74.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

I am glad to learn the difficulties between the two churches of Denver are at last amicably adjusted. Bros. Mills and Semple will now have no "root of bitterness springing up" constantly between their churches, and a wider and pleasanter field of usefulness.

Indeed it is delightful to know you had such a pleasant meeting of Presbytery. I regretted very much that I was not able to attend.

I did not resign my charge here yesterday, as I expected and intended. When my purpose became known to the congregation, so strong was the opposition to it, that I had to consent to defer it. My health, however, seems to require, and my judgment is that a *new*, and a *younger* man would be more useful. I only wish to know what is the will of the Lord.

My Commission from the Bd. will not terminate until June 1st. My wish is to resign now, but my resignation to take effect at the close of my Commission. I do not wish the Congregation to be vacant: but propose that they shall have these two months to look up a man, that will just suit them. This course I think decidedly for our interests here.

The opposition here is so *heavy*, and the amount of sound Presbyterianism so *small*, that a man of inferior qualifications would not answer the field.

I think I shall resign in a week or two. I did not feel like *pressing* the matter now, lest it might discourage and be injurious. But the way will be opened in a ~~little~~ time.

Do you know personally the qualifications of any of the Brethren you named, as deserving a field of labor in Colorado? What of Morehead of Greensburg Pa? Of Matthes of Shawneetown Ill? Of Marsh of Portland, Mich? — &c.

Young men from the Seminary have hardly the experience needed for this field. We have had three of this class this winter, and they have all failed — Mr Stone, in the Methodist — Mr Dowd, in the Congregational — and Mr Pratt, in the Episcopal — all very good young men, but without the requisite ability and experience for their posts.

The distance east makes candidating out of the question: and there is no use in getting a man here who is not entirely acceptable to the people. It would be an injury to him and to them.

I thought of writing to Dr Hill of Blairsville Pa, for information about Mr Morehead, and to Dr Camden of Richview Ill, in regard to Mr Mathes. I know of no way of getting information as to the others.

What information you may have or can get in regard to any of them, please let us have it.

We want a strong man - a worker - and a good preacher.

With kind regards to Mrs Jackson, I am your brother in Xt
Very sincerely

R. G. Thompson.

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Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

In settling up the affairs of Alfred Martien & Co, it was found that there were Seventy Five Dollars & forty five cents ($25.45) contributed by various parties (names not now known) for Churches ~~[illegible]~~ on Union Pacific Rail Road. Mr Archibald McIntyre who is acting as Trustee for A Martien & Co asked me to send this to you. Enclosed is a Postal order drawn in your favour. Distribute according to your best judgment — Sign receipt & return

Yours truly

M B Grier

Pueblo, March 20th 1874.

Dear Bro Jackson:

I am in quite a quandary as to my duty to this people. When I began to teach I promised that the money which they might collect while teaching might go towards Cancelling their debt. When the School closed I supposed, of course, the agreement ceased and that I would be entitled to my salary. But they have taken all my salary not paid into me, they have in one or two Cases appropriated special donations — where money was given for me from strangers like Mrs Breckinridge — and all the proceeds of a festival gotten up in my name, so that I am in the last state of embarrassment. And the debt which they have just paid was made before the opening of the year since which time they made a solemn assertion in their application for aid that they had settled with their Pastor for former services. I am truly Cast down in Spirit and would seek your advice.

Yours in the Gospel

Wm. S. Hamilton.

1874

Blk Hawk Monday March the 30th

Dear Sheldon

I write, fearing you may get a wrong idea, about Samples coming here from our letters. You may quiet all your fears concerning our reception of him. If he comes sent by the Pres. he will be well received, & would be at any rate, for I have no desire to quarrel, or indulge old grudges. Life is too short for such things. I preach peace, I mean to practice it. If he acts like a man he will get the credit he deserves. I am willing to overlook the past. I have had my say, & when I wrote to you about his coming to Dana I did not know anything about it until the day before I wrote, & was somewhat surprised, & as to Mary I wish to say that she was very kind to me while in her house, & I have a grateful remembrance of it, & there never would have been any thing unpleasant, if Sample had not had such an influence over her. I certainly am very willing to overlook any real or imaginary wrong. I feel better to speak out as I feel, than forgive & forget if possible. I will exert a good influence if possible over Robert, & he has no great grudge, only he did not fancy the man. Sample must learn to recognize merit in old clothes. Jerome means to stay here as long as he can. I send his programs for the next 6 sabbaths. As to Hendersons saying that he & Boughton were brought up Congregationalist, he told what he knew to be false as far as Congdon is concerned. Congdon was brought up a Quaker, when he married out of the sect; they turned him out, since then he has been mostly in the Pres. Ch. He made himself ridiculous after being so long in the Pres. Ch, to pretend that he knew nothing of its rules. He does what would not be recognized in a Con. Ch, east. They have been getting a new Organ. had 80 dol, left after paying Josh Billings, The man they purchased the Organ of allowed them 50, for the old one. They came to R. to know what he was going to give towards it. He replied nothing under existing circumstances, I told Henderson that they seemed to be going to the Devil as fast as they could. This new Organ is got to draw an audience. They used it last night. I don't know whether many were out or not. Henderson says he don't mean to break pres rules, while in the Ch, but he has been looking over the books & finds it is said that "all who love the "Lord Jesus" may be invited to the communion table". I have seen this somewhere myself & thought it was very loose, & might embrace all who choose to come. but of course it means all in Evangelical Ch.s. Henderson would be wiser than all the DD, in the Ch. It should be interpreted by the usages of the Ch. I want the Committee to be prepared on the subject. He will die hard. Mr M. would take more active measures to get rid of Jerome, if he could see any way to have preaching here, & they turn upon him to say shall we have no preaching? in [illegible] 6 mos

Dear Mary

I am glad you like your dress. I did not doubt, but it would make as good as new. I thought S. wrote more disparagingly of it than she needed. She did so of the Jap silk sent to me & no one would know it from new, though the Jap had been worn more than the sateen. She wrote there was some new silk & sateen. It occurred to me that if you had any spare new silk you might have some put on one of your old hats & make a suit. bias silk is very fashionable if it would not interfere with your new summer hat. This is a mere suggestion, I don't know any thing about the silk left. I had design to give Florence's dress to Daisie, if it was worth anything, even if I had made the dress for my self. I wrote to Sarah sometime ago, asking if C. would care if I gave you the dresses, she wrote she did not know, that C. might not give me any more, if she thought I did not value them enough to keep them. She afterwards wrote, that she did not think C. would care, & that she would make it right with C. I thought they would be more useful in your family than to me. Nothing has ever been said to me Med or Sarah of the matter alluded to in my letter to [illegible] & nothing ever will be said, I am disposed to let the "dead past bury its dead," though many things were hard for me in my run down nervous state. I suffered from sleeplessness in [illegible] C.

I saw in one of the Bazar's paris letters, that peacock colors (like your sateen) were being made up for spring dresses though the Bz said they were not imported as they had been. At least I suppose that color is called peacock color

Gage preach from the text "To what intent have you sent for me"? Robert will meet you at the Depot, I presume, if he knew you were coming by the noon train, the other man goes to Central I presume

Tuesday Morning.

This should have gone yesterday but R. did not call for it in time & I was afraid to step on the snow. They are trying to say that it was not an Universalist that preach in our Ch, at the time alluded to. that it was a Unitarian. That makes it worse than if a Universalist preach in it, for the Unitarians deny the Divinity of the Saviour, Univ, do not altogether & I should much prefer to have a Universalist, to a Unitarian. They also say that one of the families whose children were baptized is a member of a ch. I don't know where, it must have been in Germany, for neither ever go to Ch, & one makes fun of ~~[illegible]~~ going. It is said that Lossie defended the act of not assenting to a covenant. Strange, for a Pres. Minister to do so, I notice what a stupid time he had in taking in some to his Ch, in Central, thought he did not know any better I think when Sheldon establishes a ch, it would be well to have a suitable covenant. I saw some remark the other day about Pres becoming infidels, & Unitarians, orthodoxy I don't know but it is so. Friends take the papers. I wonder they take the Eagle. It is most obscene about the stories of Dr. [illegible] days it is jealousy, then says it is because Beecher has dropt hell & predestination Calvin, & Jonathan Edwards out of the Ch, which last I guess is true. They don't want to feel responsible for Beecher he is not orthodoxy